

AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the abstract with the following:

ABSTRACT: ~~This invention relates to a~~ A vertebral endplate chisel ~~comprising:~~

- 012*
- ~~a) a base having upper and lower shaving portions, and proximal and distal portions;~~
 - ~~b) an upper shaving portion extending distally from the upper base portion;~~
 - ~~c) a lower shaving portion extending distally from the lower base portion, the upper and lower shaving portions being disposed substantially parallel to each other and each having a width, and~~
 - ~~d) a guide integrally connected to and extending between the shaving portions and having a width wherein the width of the guide is no more than 95% of the width of the upper shaving portion.~~